



August 31, 2009

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The Honorable Steve Ehlmann
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Dear Mr. Keith and County Executive Ehlmann:

Kevin & Steve

As the President and Chief Executive Officer of the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA), I would like to express our wholehearted support for the completion of Missouri Route 364 (Page Avenue) Phase III for which the Missouri Department of Transportation and St. Charles County are seeking a TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant in the amount of \$100 million.

The RCGA has long supported this project as vital for the further growth and development of the region. The East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the St. Louis metropolitan planning organization, has prioritized it as a regionally important project. In addition, completion of Missouri Route 364 will provide relief to I-70, an important transcontinental highway, making this a project of national significance.

Completion of Missouri Route 364 will provide many benefits to our region including:

- Reduction of congestion and greenhouse gas emissions on Interstate-70 and Interstate-64;
- Enhancement of mobility to and from economically distressed areas by improving transportation choices;
- Provision of an alternative route for motorists during inspection and maintenance of the other Missouri River bridges connecting;
- Enhancement of roadway system operations during replacement of the deck on the Interstate-70 Missouri River bridge in 2012 and during bridge replacement planned for the Interstate-64 Missouri River bridge;
- Provision of a freeway connector from Interstate-270 to Interstate-64;
- Facilitation of more efficient freight movement on the region's interstate system;
- Provision of better access for the region's employment pool to job opportunities and retraining facilities; and,
- Fostering long-term economic growth and better use of underutilized properties.

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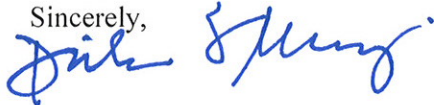
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The St. Louis RCGA commends you for your continued initiatives to provide responsive, innovative and cost effective services for the citizens of St. Charles County, the greater St. Louis region, and the State of Missouri.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dick Fleming", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Richard C.D. Fleming
President and Chief Executive Officer